

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-14, 17 and 20-26 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the details of now-canceled claim 2.

Claim 19 has been amended to be dependent from claim 18.

The applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group XII for further prosecution in the above. Inclusion of claim 19 in the examined subject matter is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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